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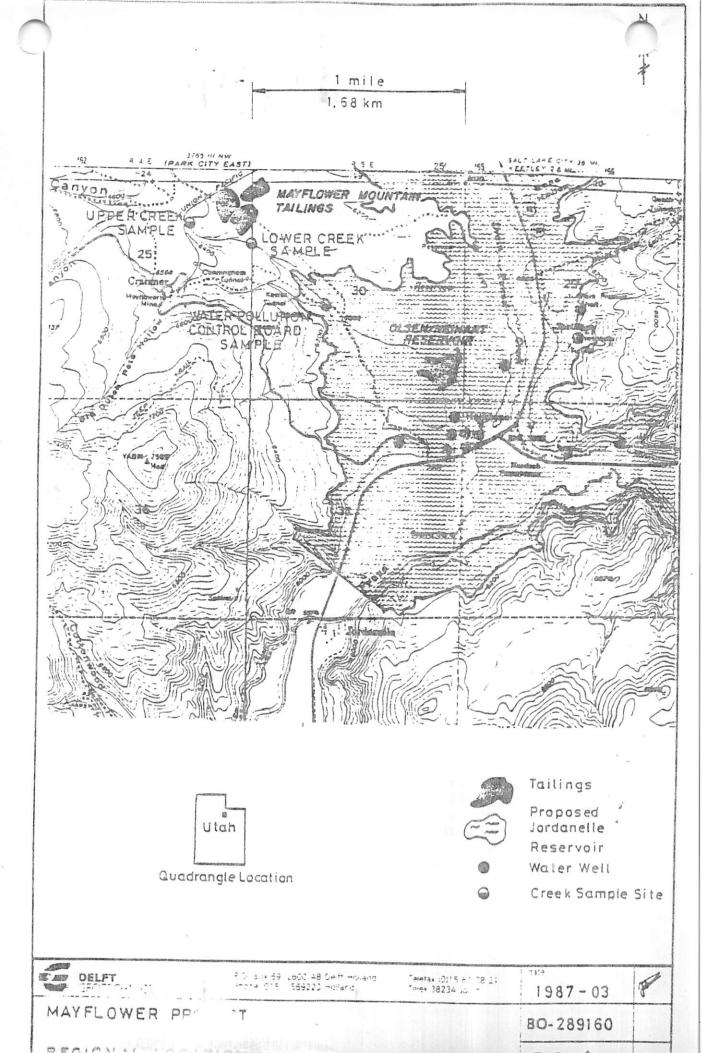
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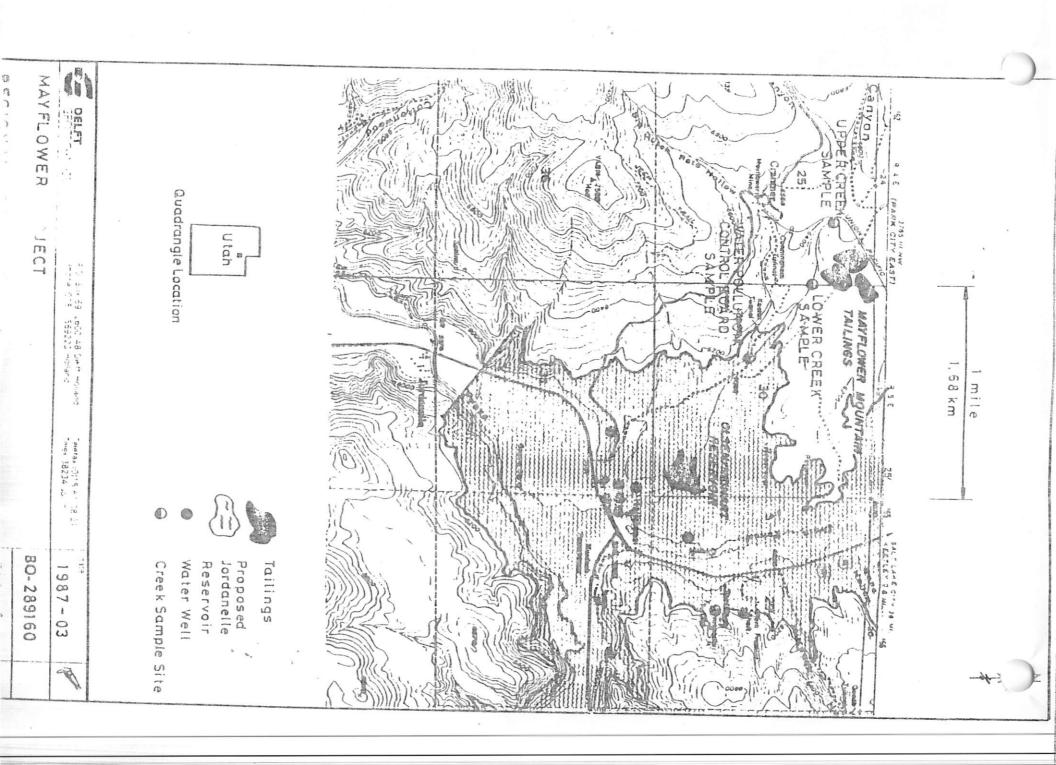
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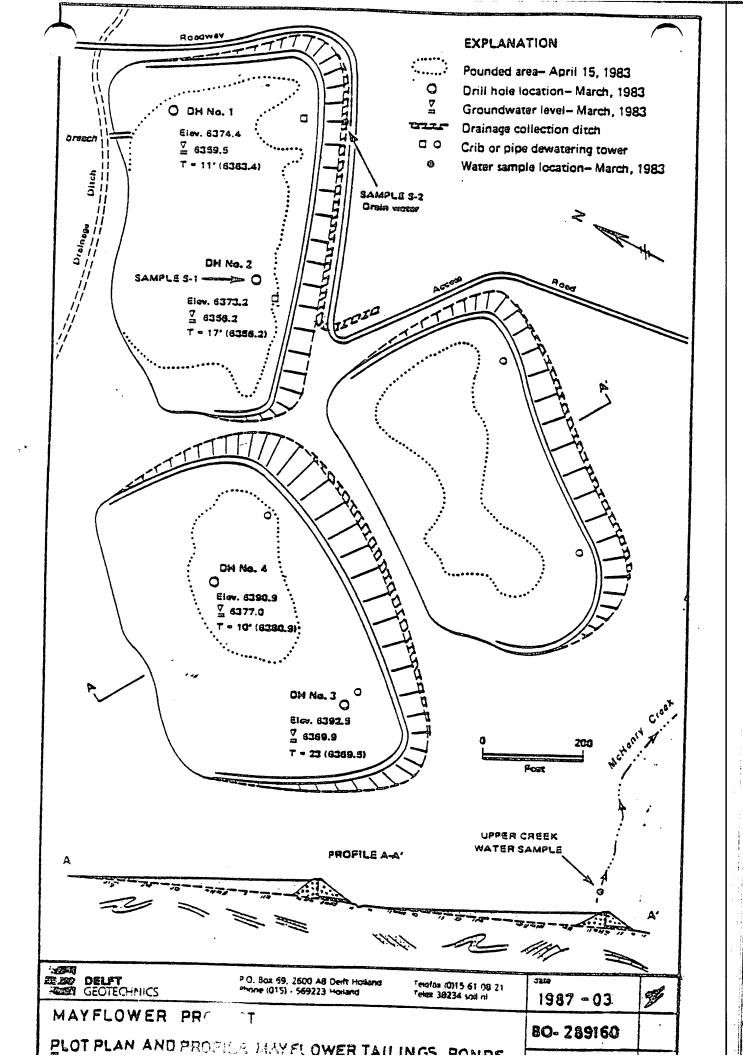
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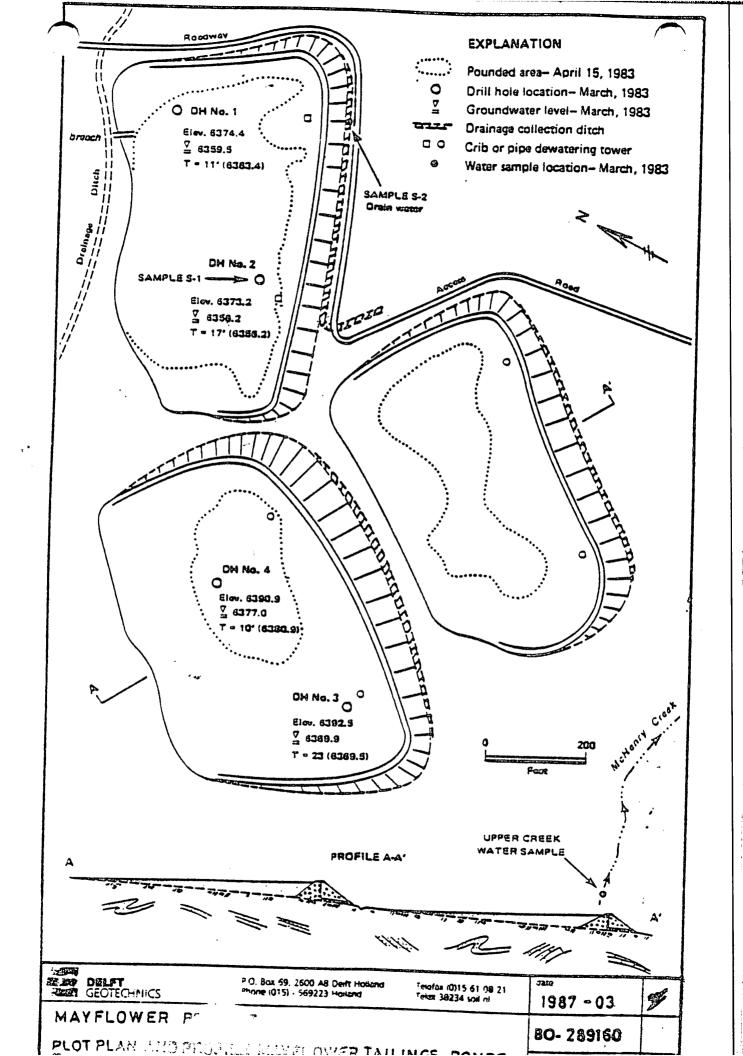
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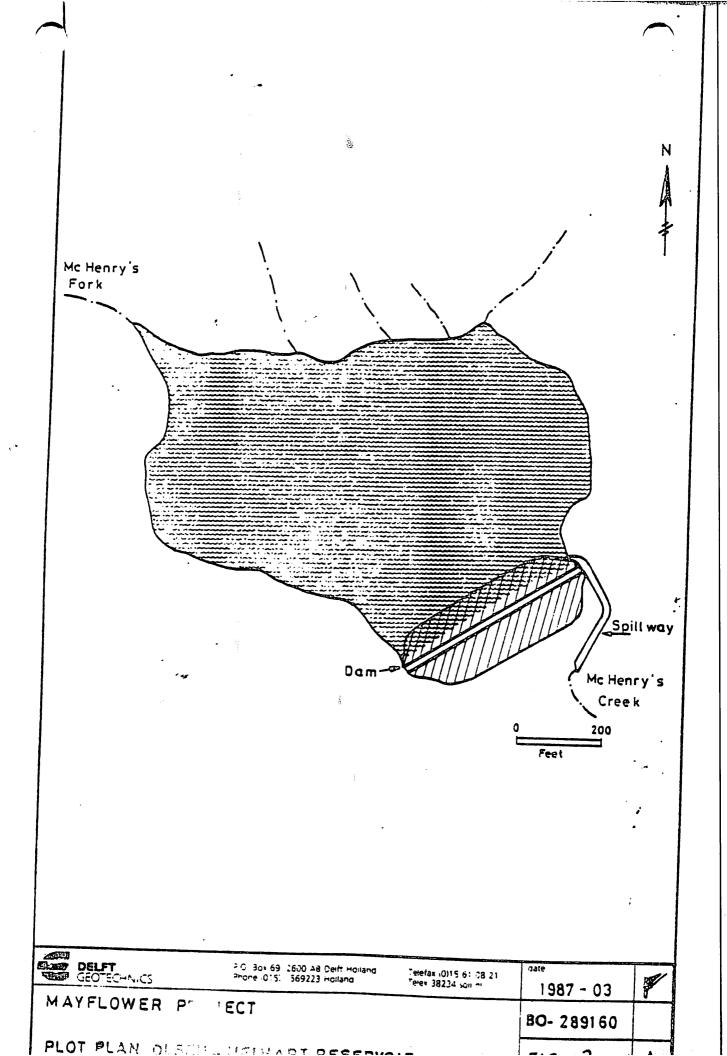
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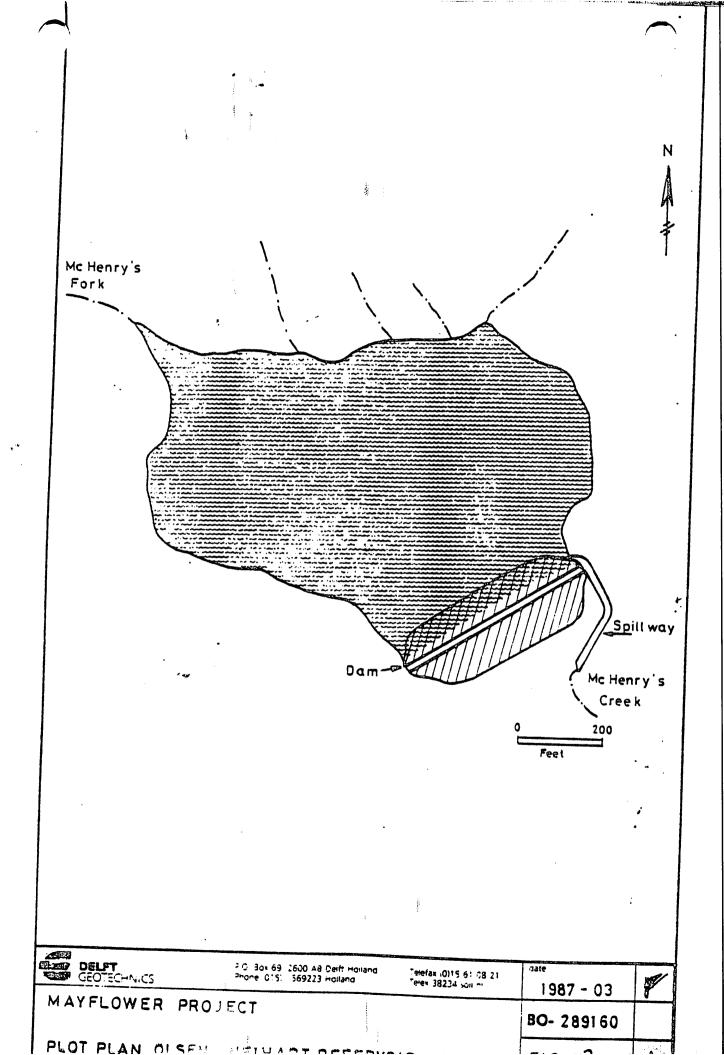


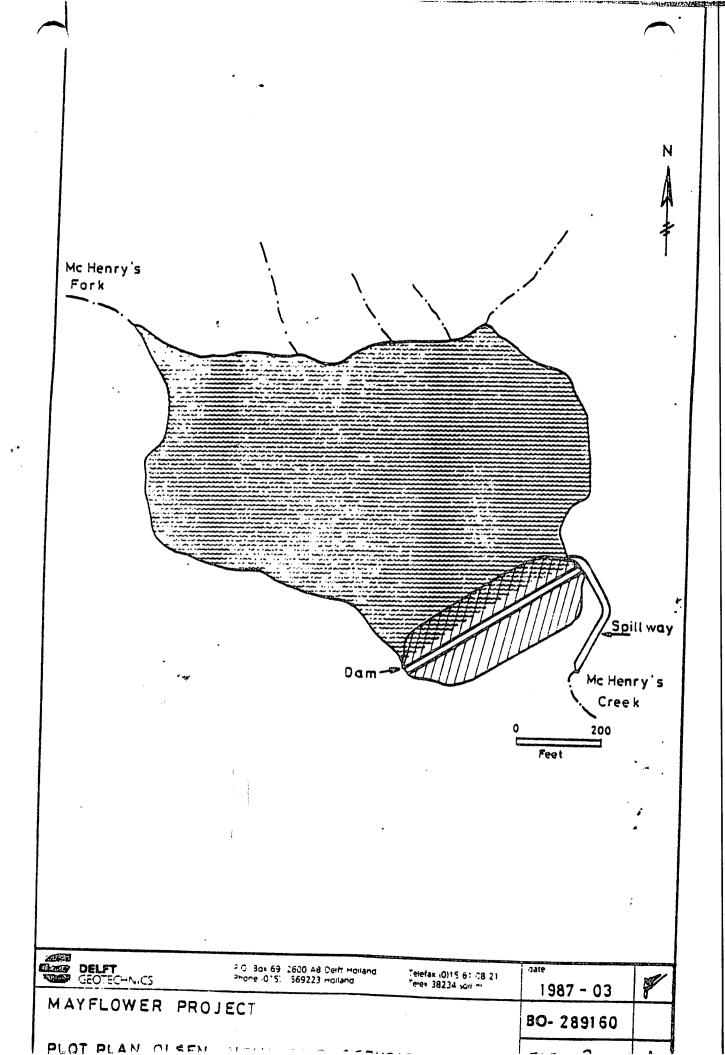












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REMARK on drilling:

An important objective of drilling is to identify important and characteristic layers (e.g. contaminants, aquifers and aquitards). In order to determine the required drilling and piezometer depths on the different locations, drilling should preferably proceed as follows:

MAYFLOWER SITE:

- first a deep (exploration) hole is to be drilled down stream of the MF Ponds. This is intended to define the full soil spectrum in the area, to disclose the geologic characteristics, identify the relevant aquifers and the water table depth. This hole was completed in April 1987.
- next all holes adjacent to the tailings can be drilled.
- finally drilling should be performed in the tailings, sampling and piezemeter depths should be set by taking into account the information obtained on the previous borings. Continous sampling will be performed in the tailings to identify the permeability and depositional characteristics.

OLSON NEIHART SITE:

- drilling is to proceed through the tailings and a minimum of ten feet into native soil. Continous sampling will be performed in the tailings to identify depositional characteristics and changes in composition of the tailings. page : -35-

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filtered on site over a 0.45 μm membrane filter. After filtration some samples should be prepared with nitric acid to pH = 2.

REMARK on analysis:

On the basis of existing information constituents have been selected as potential problem candidates. In order to establish a detailed picture of the migration of the contaminants all selected scil and water samples will be analysed for the constituents listed in table 9. Constituents can be devided in groups, the constituents in table 9 are listed under Drinking Water Trace Elements [Everett, 1980]. This list also includes constituents we excluded: Chromium (Hex), Cyanide and Selenium. Specific requirements of the laboratory analysis are

In the current database there are a number of analyses of contaminants which do not indicate major problems. However, for completeness some soil and water samples will be analysed for the contaminants listed in

TABLE 10: other constituents.

Aluminium

Gold

Mercury

Nickel

Selenium

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Magnesium

Molybdenum

Phenol

Strentium

To estimate the potential migration of contaminants it is of importance to be able to estimate the pore water concentrations of key components. It is also necessary to establish the adscrption behaviour of these on the native soil and thus to determine the distribution coefficients for the contaminants under consideration. The components listed in table 11 are to be analysed to facilitate this estimation.

TABLE 11: additional analysis.

Ammonia

Carbonate

Organic carbon

Phosphate

Sodium

Sulphide

Total alkalinity

Calsium

Chloride

Pctassium

Redox potential

Sulphate

Sulphur total

Tctal Hardness

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Stability analyses will be based upon field and laboratory data developed as part of this plan.

Settlement

Results of the testing program will also be used to asses settlement of the tailing, foundation and embankment soils based on the different design alternatives. The settlement analyses will aid in selecting proper reclamation method(s) based on site development requirements. It is anticipated that some form of tailing densification will be required as part of the reclamation activities.

Construction Methods and Alternatives

The engineering analyses will also include evaluating various construction methods to determine the most feasible, cost effective approaches. This will include evaluating whether to use on-site or imported fill materials as construction materials.

3.2.5 Conceptual Design

Conceptual designs will be developed for the preferred reclamation alternatives. The conceptual designs will be developed using the stability, settlement and constructability results. These designs will be used to develop estimates of reclamation costs and schedules.

3.2.6 Cost Estimates For Alternatives

As discussed, several design alternatives are being considered which will be acceptable to the control and retention of the tailing material and fit in with the overall Mayflower development master plan. Obviously there are minimum design requirements which must be met to comply with the State and Federal regulations. Each of the alternatives will be broken down into the purpose for the option and the cost. The costs will be developed using appropriate equipment and personnel rates based the latest publications. All aspects of construction will be taken into account such as access and availability of on-site borrow versus imported material.

3.2.7 Summary Report

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A summary report will be prepared to provided all concerned parties with a summary of geotechnical data collected during this study and a listing of associated design requirements. The report will include the results of all field and laboratory investigations with logs and 'testing summaries. Results of all analytical efforts such as stability analysis and other technical information used in design will also be provided. A section of the report will be a description of the various options and the associated costs and benefits to the overall project.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS REPORTS.

Project schedule

The project schedule is presented as Figure D. This schedule is based on sequencing all of the phases so that some of the materials testing and other analysis can begin while the field program is still going on. The results of tests will be forwarded to the appropriate agencies and owners at least monthly. The scheduling is subject to minor changes however, there are certain items which must follow a critical path and be completed very close to the schedule provided. Once the project is authorized the schedule will be revised to include dates. Copies of the schedule will be sent to all involved parties.

Monthly progress reports

Monthly progress reports will be generated throughout the study. In general, the following project monitoring, control and review activities should be reported on:

- Review of technical status and progress.
- Health and safety-related operational planning, review and audits.
- Maintenance of documentation and document control.
- Coordination of contract with other affected agencies and parties
- Contract and subcontract administration.
- Quality assurance and quality centrol.

Technical Program Reports.

As indicated above each of the tasks 1 through 4 will be reported on completion. Sub-tasks where review and comment is essential (for example, task 4.5) will be reported separately to facilitate this review.

Draft Final Report.

A preliminary report will be prepared upon completion of the site gechydrological characterization. The preliminary report will contain a summary and analysis utilizing both the data in existence at the beginning of the and new data developed during the investigation. The report for the MF site will address the environmental impacts and public health risks emanating from the developed site, including: (1) surface water contamination, (2) contaminated ground water, (3) presence of tailings onsite, (4) presence of tailings offsite, (5) contaminated soils or sediments, (6) potentially contaminated ground water supplies, and (7) potential of air quality degradation due to wind-blown tailings.

Final Report.

At the conclusion of the draft report review and comment process, appropriate changes will be incorporated, and a final report will be prepared.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE.

5.1 Project Team

The majority of the tasks will be performed by personnel from Bingham Engineering and Delft. Bingham Engineering will be responsible for executing all field and laboratory activities and all geotechnical engineering related office studies. Delft will be responsible for the hydrogeological and geochemical studies.

The proposed organizational chart, which is shown on Figure C, indicates the roles of key personnel. The project team of Bingham Engineering will consist of a project manager who will have control over all aspects of the field and laboratory programs. His responsibilities will also include coordination and transfer of all pertinent data to Delft for use in their interpretation. Bingham Engineering personnel are experienced in the drilling, logging and sampling of exploration holes, the completion of monitor wells, groundwater sampling and laboratory analysis. Bingham Engineering will subcontract the drilling and backhoe work and the chemical analysis testing.

5.2 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

A quality assurance plan has been developed and is included here as Annex A. This plan will be carefully followed throughout the project to assure compliance with all pertinent requirements.

The quality assurance program associated with the computer and modeling exercise will be established to the States satisfaction and could include artificial bench-mark calculations of known outcome, or source statement review. The Delft Geotechnics is to make such a review possible and the data base accessible.

5.3 Health and Safety Plan (HASP)

An approved health and safety plan will be incorporated into the program which will include all pertinent requirements and monitoring to assure compliance with federal and state procedures. This is provided in Annex B of this work plan.

